

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HISASHI ISHIKAWA ET AL. ) : Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Application No.: 10/809,526 ) : TC/Art Unit: 2614  
Filed: March 26, 2004 ) : Confirmation No. 7527  
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METHOD : May 17, 2007

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. A copy of the non-U.S. documents, as well as a copy of two Japanese Office Actions citing these documents, is also enclosed.

An explanation of relevance for the non-English document is given in the attached English-language abstracts.

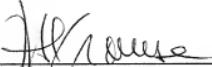
To the best of Applicants' knowledge, a first Office Action has not yet been mailed for the present application.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the listed documents be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the PTO-1449 form be returned indicating that the documents have been considered.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO OR ABSTRACT
		2000-295497	10/20/00	Japan			Abstract
		2002-335400	11/22/02	Japan			Abstract
		57-127364	08/07/82	Japan			Abstract
		9-247449	09/1997	Japan			Abstract
		1-156069	06/19/89	Japan			Abstract
		7-219494	08/18/95	Japan			Abstract
		2-208068	08/17/90	Japan			Abstract
		2-62164	03/02/90	Japan			Abstract
		11-328386	11/30/99	Japan			Abstract
		64-47167	02/21/89	Japan			Abstract

## OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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